

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower

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Guidelines for Baptisms

(for children 6 years and under)

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and your family. The following are guidelines to help you know what is needed to baptize your child. Please keep in mind that Little Flower follows Canon Law requirements.

1. First, call the Parish office to find out the next set of baptism and baptism instruction dates.
2. Next, chose your Godparents for your child. Please ensure that they meet Cannon Law requirements. Cannon Law states that the Godparent(s) must be:
 - ▶ Catholic
 - ▶ 16 years or older
 - ▶ Practicing their faith on a regular basis (every Sunday)
 - ▶ Be living a Christian moral life style
 - ▶ If single – must have sacrament of baptism, first communion and confirmation
(A copy of each certificate will be required at registration.)
 - ▶ If married, they must be married in a Catholic Church.
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 - ▶ You may have two godparents (1-male and 1-female) or one male only or one female only. NOT two of each sex.
3. If you and/or the godparents are non-members of Little Flower, please supply us with a letter from the church you are currently attending. This letter must state that you are registered, in good standings and have permission to baptize outside your church boundary.
4. Once you have gathered all the documentation needed for registration, please come to the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. Registration and all copies must be received two weeks prior to baptism date.
5. It is customary to give a donation to the Church. The recommended donation for a baptism is:

\$50.00 – Parishioner (non-refundable) \$75.00 - Non-Parishioner (non-refundable)

Parents will need to provide the following:

- 1. Child's Birth Certificate (State Copy)
- 2. \$Fee: \$50.00 – Parishioner / \$75.00 - Non-Parishioner
- 3. A letter from your parish.

God parents will need to provide the following:

- **If single:** 1. Confirmation Certificate 2. A letter from their parish

- **If married:** 1. A marriage certificate from the Catholic Church in which you were married. 2. A letter from your parish giving you permission to be godparents at Little Flower. Letter should state that you are registered and attending church regularly.